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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 22, 1998

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND
POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE980060

For a certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity authorizing
operation of transmission lines and
facilities in Dinwiddie County:
Chapparal 230 kV Tap Line

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE

Before the Commission is Virginia Electric and Power Company's ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the County of Dinwiddie, to authorize the construction and operation of a single-circuit 230 kV transmission tap line to serve a steel recycling plant to be constructed by Chaparral (Virginia). The transmission line will run from the existing Locks to Carson 230 kV circuit to a new substation on the Chaparral site that will be owned by the customer. The proposed tap line will be approximately 2100 feet long, and will require a new right-of-way cleared to a width of 120 feet. The proposed route will be entirely on Chaparral's property. As shown in the application as Attachment II.A.9.b, the tap line would originate and terminate

in Virginia Power's service area, but would cross Southside Electric Cooperative's territory. The Cooperative does not oppose the application.

By order dated March 19, 1998, the Commission docketed this proceeding and directed the Company to give notice of its application by newspaper publication and by serving copies of the order on local government officials. There were no comments or requests for hearing. On April 8, 1998, Virginia Power filed proof of newspaper publication and an affidavit of service of copies of the order on the required government officials. The Commission finds that proper notice was given, as required by ° 56-265.2 of the Code of Virginia.

On May 1, 1998, the Staff filed with the Clerk of the Commission a report of its investigation ("Staff Report") and provided copies to Virginia Power.

Upon consideration of Virginia Power's application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that there is a need for the proposed facility. The Staff Report agrees with the application that the proposed facility is required to provide reliable service to Chaparral steel recycling plant, and it is the best technical option available. According to Virginia Power's application, the proposed tap line would transit an industrial area and would not significantly impact any scenic, environmental or historic resources. The DEQ conducted an environmental review and found no significant problems with the proposed tap line

project. However, various permits and approvals as specified in the review will be necessary prior to project commencement.

According to the DEQ, compliance with permit requirements and proper consideration of the DEQ's recommendations should ensure that environmental impacts are minimized to the greatest extent practicable. Based on the DEQ's representations, the Commission finds that no additional conditions are necessary to minimize the adverse environmental impact of the project.

Upon consideration of the material before it, the Commission finds that the construction and operation of a single-circuit 230 kV transmission tap line from the Locks-Carson line to the Chaparral substation does not appear to have a substantial adverse environmental impact and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the proposed single-circuit 230 kV tap line should be issued to Virginia Power. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Pursuant to § 56-265.2 and related provisions of the Code of Virginia, this application is granted.

(2) Virginia Power be issued an amended certificate that the public convenience and necessity requires exercise of the right or privilege to construct the 230 kV transmission tap line from the Locks-Carson line to the proposed Chaparral substation.

(3) Virginia Power be issued an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity as follows:

Certificate No. ET-76j to operate present transmission lines and facilities in Dinwiddie County, and to construct and operate a 2100 foot 230 kV transmission tap line from the Locks-Carson 230 kV transmission line to the new substation on Chaparral property, as shown on the map attached thereto. Certificate No. ET-76j is to supersede Certificate No. ET-76i issued on June 16, 1994.

(4) This case be dismissed from the docket of active proceedings and the papers herein be placed in the file for ended causes.